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Is Admitted a PARTNER in our
Firm from this date, and Mr. GEORGE
H. WHEELER is authorized to Sign our
Name.

RUSSELL & Co.

China, 1st January, 1882. ap5

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the Company.

By Order of the Directors,

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 20, 1882. ap13

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THE Undersigned have been appointed
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GOODS by Messrs KYNOCH & Co., of
WITTON, near BRIMSHAM.

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Hongkong, August 13, 1881. 13ap2

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Assorted canned VEGETABLES.

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SPECIALLY SELECTED OIGARS.

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SHIPCHANDLERY of every Description.

RIGGING and SAIL-MAKING promptly executed.

Hongkong, January 25, 1882.

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A. HOFLICH.

Agent.

Hongkong, March 30, 1882.

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CHAS. H. HASWELL, Jr., Agent.

Hongkong, March 29, 1882.

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GEORGE R. STEVENS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 1, 1881.

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CAPITAL £22,000,000 | PAID-UP, £22,000,000.

PAID-UP OF RESERVE FUND, £50,000.

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GEORGE R. STEVENS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

NOTICE.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 10, 1881.

NOTICE.

present to be carried beyond the limit recommended by the Surveyor General, and I shall wish to be consulted before any concession beyond that line is made." The line laid down by the Surveyor General has been upheld. The correspondence as to the building of Chinese houses in the vicinity of the barracks comes next, and is particularly remarkable for the tone adopted by the Earl of Kimberley to Sir John Pope Hennessy. Apparently thoroughly disgusted with the trickery and quibbling of his correspondent, the Secretary of State for the Colonies concluded his despatch in remarkably brusque terms, such phrases as "Send despatch at once," "Report immediately," occurring pretty frequently. In replying on the 8th July 1880, to a despatch of Sir M. H. Beach on this question, the wonders of Chinese sanitation are paraded in the most ostentatious manner. Dr. Duggeon, an advocate of the Chinese system, is freely quoted, and poor western science has to leave the field limping. In this despatch there seems to be the groundwork of an article which appeared in a northern contemporary some months ago, and which was replied to by us at the time. The memorial by Chinese land-owners, objecting to indulge in the light and air proposed to be given them, is referred to as a most "interesting document," and Sir John remarks "I venture to call your Lordship's attention to what they [the Chinese memorialists] say in paragraph 3, respecting the recent rules of western sanitary science." The paragraph in question is as follows:—

"Now these habits, although your Memorialists are given to understand that they are condemned by the more recent rules of western science, are, as a matter of fact, the outcome of a lengthened experience among the Chinese of living in large and crowded cities, and are as deep rooted as most of their social customs, so that it is quite certain that the tenants for whom these houses are intended, as they would not understand the reason, would in no way avail themselves of the facilities for the free access of light and air which the Surveyor General's proposed alterations would provide for them.

The memorial here referred to is the document upon which Governor Hennessy panned the now celebrated lines known as the "Smoke-hole minute."

The whole of the papers are instructive, but much of the matter contained in many of them we have already published. The selected despatches appended will be read with interest:—

No. 30.

Governor Sir J. Pope Hennessy, K.C.M.G., to the Right Honourable the Earl of Kimberley.—(Received 1 November 1880.)

Government House, Hongkong,

17 September 1880.

My Lord,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram, dated the 14th instant, in which your Lordship's despatch of 9th April, 1880, is referred to. Your Lordship's despatch of the 30th of September 1879, respecting the building of houses of colonial land to the south of Kennedy-road, I made a minute on it expressing my entire concurrence with the decision of the War Department, as stated in Lord Eustace Cecil's letter of the 10th of February 1879, and I sent the Despatch with a minute to the Major General and the other members of my Executive Council, for any observations they might desire to offer. They concurred with me in accepting the decision of the War Department. Meanwhile, I instructed the Surveyor General not to sell any of the building sites or other lands in question.

3. Owing to the same reason given by Mr. Price in his letter of the 5th of June 1879, in explanation of some want of promptness in attending to the everyday official matters referred to the Public Works Department, I could not press the Surveyor General to deal with this subject in 1879. On receipt of Sir Michael Hicks Beach's Despatch, of the 5th of April 1880, I laid it before the Council, and directed it to be circulated. At a meeting of the Executive Council on the 28th of July 1880, it was resolved that the Despatches be again sent to the Surveyor General to prepare draft clauses containing all the requirements of the War Department.

4. Nearly a month having passed without any reply from Mr. Price, I told the Acting Colonial Secretary to remind him of the resolutions of the Executive Council, and to request the draft of the new conditions of leases to be handed in to prepare. A letter was accordingly written to Mr. Price on the 24th of August to that effect. When I received your Lordship's telegram yesterday, I called for the papers, and find from the Acting Colonial Secretary's minute of to-day a date, that Mr. Price has made no reply to the letter of the 24th of August.

5. Enclosed for your Lordship's information, the Minutes of the Executive Council, and a copy of the Acting Colonial Secretary's letter of the 24th of August, with Dr. Stewart's minute thereon.

C. I am sorry to say this is not the only instance in which for more than two years past some delay has occurred in the Public Works Department. On the 31st of last month, the Acting Colonial Secretary put before me a schedule of C.S.O.'s (Colonial Secretary's Office papers), which had been registered as having been referred for some years past to the Surveyor General, and not yet answered or returned. The schedule covers five pages of foolscap, and though many of the entries in it appear to be of no great importance, and seem to have been disposed of by the more of time, yet some of them relate to questions of growing urgency, which I am requesting Mr. Price to take in hand, now that the "Extraordinary heavy work of work on the Praya Wall" to which he attributed the delay in everyday matters referred to him by the Government, has ceased.

6. In my report to Lord Carnarvon I referred to a relaxation I ventured to make in one of the restrictions laid in this Colony upon the commercial progress of the Queen's Chinese subjects; and I submitted to his Lordship the protest lodged against my policy in this respect by the Registrar General, who, although nominally the "Protector of the Chinese," argued against allowing Chinese ships in what he considered the purely European business quarter of Hongkong, and expressed the opinion that the Governor should reserve the central portion of the city for English and European firms. This gentleman thought the "Foggy firm" had no right to be entrusted to such powers. And I feel bound to point out that in opposing the measures, which had

No. 32.
The Right Honourable the Earl of Kimberley to Governor Sir John Pope Hennessy, K.C.M.G.

Downing-street, 26th Nov. 1880.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatches, relative to reports that were made by the Colonial Surgeon in 1874 on the sanitary condition of licensed brothels, and of the Chinese houses generally in Hongkong.

2. Little appears to have been done since the date of Dr. Ayres' reports to improve the sanitation of those parts of the town of Victoria which are inhabited by Chinese, and rapid growth of the population cannot fail to have added to the evil of overcrowding.

3. I feel sure that you will agree with me that a state of things so dangerous to the health of the Colony ought not to remain any longer unremedied; and although it is very desirable that an efficient sanitary department should be formed, as recommended in your Despatch of the 15th of July, it would not be justifiable to defer action until the new department is organized. I therefore request that you will at once take such steps as may be in your power to put an end to these discreditable nuisances.

4. I do not conceive that there can be any extraordinary difficulties in dealing with this matter, but if your Government finds itself unable to devise and carry into effect the requisite measures, it may be necessary to send out a special commission for the purpose from this country.

I have, &c.
(Signed) J. POPE HENNESSY.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley,
&c. &c. &c.

No. 41.
The Right Honourable the Earl of Kimberley to Governor Sir J. Pope Hennessy, K.C.M.G.

Downing Street, 18 August, 1881.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch of the 6th of June, transmitting the return of the Census recently taken in Hongkong, and to express my satisfaction at the indication which they afford of the growing prosperity of the Colony. It will be presented with other papers to Parliament in compliance with an address of which I enclose a copy.

2. The language of that address indicates that a perusal of your Despatch has conveyed the impression that there have been attempts, previous to your assumption of the Government, to drive the Chinese out of Hongkong by enforcing undue and unfair restrictions with regard to their graves, dwellings, and their commercial transactions.

3. It was of course not your desire to be understood as implying that Her Majesty's Government or the Government of Hongkong had followed or contemplated a vexatious or repressive policy; and indeed the figures quoted in the earlier part of your speech prove that during the last preceding five years the Chinese population had increased by upwards of 20,000, while the increase of the property held by Chinese residents and of their commercial operations had been still more remarkable.

4. I fully approve of the active interest which you have taken in all matters relating to the welfare of the Chinese in Hongkong, and it has been my object in Council, and in which he seems to argue in favour of the under-ground drainage system, and to express some doubt as to my proceedings in having ventured to refer the water-supply question to the leading Chinese gentlemen in the colony for their opinion.

5. On the latter point I need not make any remarks, but on the serious question of preferring an under-ground system of drainage in a tropical colony to the Chinese house-bucket and the dry-earth system, I find that Mr. Price's account of the disposal of refuse in Hongkong, as given in paragraphs 11, 12, and 13 of his letter, does not correspond with the account given by the Chinese themselves, nor with the reports of the inspectors of nuisances, nor with some facts that came occasionally before the Chinese magistrates. A few months ago I had to draw Mr. Price's attention, not for the first time, to the fact that the Chinese scavengers employed by his department had been fined by the police magistrate for deliberately emptying refuse into the under-ground drains of the city of Victoria. Soon after I arrived in Hongkong I had to point out to Mr. Price and to Dr. Ayres the danger to public health of allowing the Surveyor Department scavenger to empty every morning a considerable portion of the night-soil of the prisoners in the gaol drains, and to deposit night-soil in large quantities in place chosen by the Surveyor Department at Belcher's Bay, near the west end of the city of Victoria. Though I then told him that every public institution in the colony should have dry-earth closets, and latrines only on the dry-earth system, only throughout the Colony, to the exclusion of all water drainage; nor is it clear that the removal of every kind of sewage can be effected without the existence of drains flushed by an adequate supply of water; but whatever may be the merits of the alternative systems and I recognize the advantages in certain respects of a properly administered system of dry-earth treatment, it is important that immediate steps should be taken to remove sanitary defects, whether in the matter stands at present, but they are not entirely relieved of the chance of a more serious one being preferred against them. They will likely be committed for trial at the next Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court.

6. An inquest was opened this afternoon at the Government Civil Hospital before the Coroner, H. E. Wodehouse, Esq., and the following gentlemen as jurors:—Messrs A. W. A. Wohlers, E. Herbst, and A. A. Cordeira, regarding the death of a Chinese mendicant Ng Achum, whose body was found on the beach at Yam-mah-ti. Dr. Marques, who had made a post mortem examination of the body, said he found some brown powder in the stomach, resembling opium dress. The appearance of the body was that of opium poisoning and Dr. Marques was of opinion that that was the cause of death. There was nothing found on the body save some opium and opium dress, and a discharge ticket from the Tang Wah Hospital. The inquest was adjourned Thursday, and contents of the stomach in the interval to be analysed.

7. The enclosed returns show that 182 water-closets have unfortunately been constructed from time to time in Hongkong, some of them in spite of the wish I expressed in June 1877, that closets on the 18th April and 23rd of May, on the subject of the sanitary condition of the Colony.

8. I am of opinion that it would not be possible to enforce the adoption of the dry-earth system, only throughout the Colony, to the exclusion of all water drainage; nor is it clear that the removal of every kind of sewage can be effected without the existence of drains flushed by an adequate supply of water; but whatever may be the merits of the alternative systems and I recognize the advantages in certain respects of a properly administered system of dry-earth treatment, it is important that immediate steps should be taken to remove sanitary defects, whether in the matter stands at present, but they are not entirely relieved of the chance of a more serious one being preferred against them. They will likely be committed for trial at the next Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court.

9. An inquest was opened this afternoon at the Government Civil Hospital before the Coroner, H. E. Wodehouse, Esq., and the following gentlemen as jurors:—Messrs A. W. A. Wohlers, E. Herbst, and A. A. Cordeira, regarding the death of a Chinese mendicant Ng Achum, whose body was found on the beach at Yam-mah-ti. Dr. Marques, who had made a post mortem examination of the body, said he found some brown powder in the stomach, resembling opium dress. The appearance of the body was that of opium poisoning and Dr. Marques was of opinion that that was the cause of death. There was nothing found on the body save some opium and opium dress, and a discharge ticket from the Tang Wah Hospital. The inquest was adjourned Thursday, and contents of the stomach in the interval to be analysed.

10. The case was remanded for a week.

11. I have the honour to enclose a copy of the brief report I made to Lord Carnarvon in 1877 on the census returns which accompanied the Blue Book for 1876, and extract from Minutes of Executive Council of 23rd May 1877.

12. The great commercial progress of this Colony for the last four years is coincident with an increase in the population from 139,144 to 160,402; and increase in the Colonial revenue (without additional taxation) from 184,405 £. to 222,905 £., and a considerable increase in the value of property.

13. This general prosperity of Hongkong is also coincident with important change to which I drew Lord Carnarvon's attention in my report on the last census, namely, the transfer of our Anglo-Chinese merchants and traders of the business premises of Europeans and Americans, a transfer which since January of last year involved a change of land and houses for commercial purposes, amounting in value to 1,700,000 dollars.

14. The building sites along the Kennedy-road are much sought after by some of the leading Europeans and professional men, and I have no doubt handsome villas will be erected on the hill-side, when I am in a position to sell the land. I shall insist, however, on the stringent conditions referred to at the Executive Council meeting of the 28th of July, by which neither water-closets nor houses private will be permitted, nor any form of houses save those which are allowed to draw towards the barracks.

15. Furthermore, when the Surveyor General has drafted these conditions for the new leases, I shall not set upon them nor sell the land, until I have given your Lordship an opportunity of examining them, if your Lordship should think fit to do so, to the War Department for approval.

I have, &c.
(Signed) J. POPE HENNESSY.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley,
&c. &c. &c.

No. 42.

Governor Sir J. Pope Hennessy, K.C.M.G., to the Right Honourable the Earl of Kimberley.—(Received 19 July 1881.)

Government House, Hongkong,

6 June 1881.

My Lord,—I have the honour to enclose the various returns relating to the census of the 3rd of April 1881, together with a statement I made upon them when laying the Papers before the Legislative Council a few days ago.

2. For facility of reference I annex a copy of the brief report I made to Lord Carnarvon in 1877 on the census returns which accompanied the Blue Book for 1876, and extract from Minutes of Executive Council of 23rd May 1877.

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5. Whilst the European and American male adult population have continued to decline in number, there is an increase in the number of children since 1876. Of the total increase of the population in the last four years, 21,255, the increase of the Chinese accounts for 20,532.

6. In my report to Lord Carnarvon I referred to a relaxation I ventured to make in one of the restrictions laid in this Colony upon the commercial progress of the Queen's Chinese subjects; and I submitted to his Lordship the protest lodged against my policy in this respect by the Registrar General, who, although nominally the "Protector of the Chinese," argued against allowing Chinese ships in what he considered the purely European business quarter of Hongkong, and expressed the opinion that the Governor should reserve the central portion of the city for English and European firms.

This gentleman thought the "Foggy firm" had no right to be entrusted to such powers. And I feel bound to point out that in opposing the measures, which had

been thought necessary by the sanitary officers of the Colony, and were approved by your predecessor, without basing your opposition to them on any scientific grounds, you have incurred grave responsibility.

6. To remedy any defects that may exist in the sanitary condition of the Colony, you have proposed that a separate sanitary department should be created, with Dr. Adams as its chief officer. But I am not prepared to authorise this, which appears to me to be open to various grounds to considerable objection, until I have received and considered the report of the engineer who about to visit the Colony.

I have, &c.
(Signed) KIMBERLEY.

Sir J. Pope Hennessy.

No. 43.

The Right Honourable the Earl of Kimberley to Governor Sir J. Pope Hennessy, K.C.M.G.

Downing-street, 26th Nov. 1880.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, relative to reports that were made by the Colonial Surgeon in 1874 on the sanitary condition of licensed brothels, and of the Chinese houses generally in Hongkong.

7. Most of the Chinamen who have been buying out the Europeans and Americans, are not compradores; they are the wealthy Chinese merchants who now send British manufactured goods in such large quantities into China. I can assure Her Majesty's Government that there are no persons in this Colony who have a better knowledge of what China wants in the way of English goods, who have such facilities for placing our manufactures on the China market, who have greater commercial prosperity or more genuine loyalty to Queen Victoria than these gentlemen.

8. The enclosed statement enters fully into detail, and answers the question as to whether this transfer of property is speculative, or whether it is owing to the healthy requirements of our trade. It also deals with the question whether Hongkong has fulfilled the object for which it was mainly established, and whether the Colony has any manufactures of its own.

I have, &c.
(Signed) J. POPE HENNESSY.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley,
&c. &c. &c.

No. 44.

The Right Honourable the Earl of Kimberley to Governor Sir J. Pope Hennessy, K.C.M.G.

Downing Street, 18 August, 1881.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, of the 6th of June, transmitting the return of the Census recently taken in Hongkong, and to express my satisfaction at the indication which they afford of the growing prosperity of the Colony. It will be presented with other papers to Parliament in compliance with an address of which I enclose a copy.

2. The language of that address indicates that a perusal of your Despatch has conveyed the impression that there have been attempts, previous to your assumption of the Government, to drive the Chinese out of Hongkong by enforcing undue and unfair restrictions with regard to their graves, dwellings, and their commercial transactions.

3. It was of course not your desire to be understood as implying that Her Majesty's Government or the Government of Hongkong had followed or contemplated a vexatious or repressive policy; and indeed the figures quoted in the earlier part of your speech prove that during the last preceding five years the Chinese population had increased by upwards of 20,000, while the increase of the property held by Chinese residents and of their commercial operations had been still more remarkable.

4. I fully approve of the active interest which you have taken in all matters relating to the welfare of the Chinese in Hongkong, and it has been my object in Council, and in which he seems to argue in favour of the under-ground drainage system, and to express some doubt as to my proceedings in having ventured to refer the water-supply question to the leading Chinese gentlemen in the colony for their opinion.

5. On the latter point I need not make any remarks, but on the serious question of preferring an under-ground system of drainage in a tropical colony to the Chinese house-bucket and the dry-earth system, I find that Mr. Price's account of the disposal of refuse in Hongkong, as given in paragraphs 11, 12, and 13 of his letter, does not correspond with the account given by the Chinese themselves, nor with the reports of the inspectors of nuisances, nor with some facts that came occasionally before the Chinese magistrates. A few months ago I had to draw Mr. Price's attention, not for the first time, to the fact that the Chinese scavengers employed by his department had been fined by the police magistrate for deliberately emptying refuse into the under-ground drains of the city of Victoria. Soon after I arrived in Hongkong I had to point out to Mr. Price and to Dr. Ayres the danger to public health of allowing the Surveyor Department scavenger to empty every morning a considerable portion of the night-soil of the prisoners in the gaol drains, and to deposit night-soil in large quantities in place chosen by the Surveyor Department at Belcher's Bay, near the west end of the city of Victoria.

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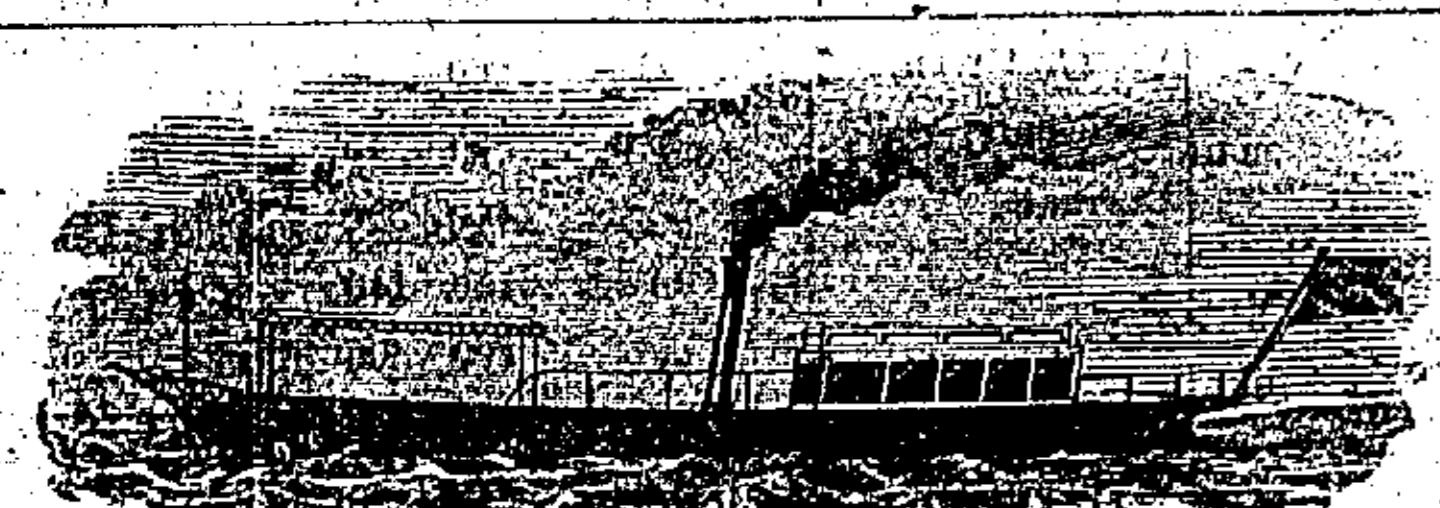
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